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SUBJECT: GUIDANCE ON FRANK PRESS DELEGATION VISIT TO CHINA

1. EMBASSY SHOULD DRAW UPON THE FOLLOWING IN DISCUSSING THE FRANK PRESS DELEGATION TRIP TO PEKING AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL IN FOREIGN MINISTRY.
2. THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT WAS TO DEVELOP A BROADER UNDERSTANDING OF HOW WE AND THE CHINESE MIGHT COOPERATE IN CIVILIAN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AREAS. SPECIFICALLY, WE SOUGHT TO EXPLORE S & T EXCHANGES AT THE GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT LEVEL; ESTABLISH CONTACTS BETWEEN RESPONSIBLE S&T OFFICIALS IN THE CIVILIAN SECTORS OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS;  
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EXPLAIN US SCIENCE POLICY TOWARD CHINA; LEARN ABOUT THE STRUCTURE AND PLANS OF CHINA'S SCIENTIFIC ESTABLISHMENT; AND ENCOURAGE AN EXPANDED S & T PROGRAM BY IDENTIFYING A FEW SELECT AREAS OF COOPERATION WHERE THE US GOVERNMENT HAS UNIQUE OR SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS AND THE CHINESE HAVE INTEREST.

3. DR. PRESS WAS IN THE PRC FROM JULY 6 TO JULY 10 AND WAS HOSTED BY VICE PREMIER FANG YI, WHO IS MINISTER IN CHARGE OF THE STATE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL

COMMISSION. THE DELEGATION ALSO MET WITH VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING. DR. PRESS HAD ABOUT SEVEN HOURS OF DISCUSSIONS WITH VICE PREMIER FANG YI AND EACH OF THE MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION MET WITH THEIR CHINESE COUNTER-PARTS FOR ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION. IN REPORTING TO THE PRESIDENT, DR. PRESS CHARACTERIZED THE DISCUSSIONS AS SERIOUS, CONSTRUCTIVE, AND PRODUCTIVE. HE BELIEVES THAT THE TRIP HAS LAID A PROMISING BASIS FOR FUTURE COOPERATION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY BETWEEN THE US AND THE PRC. THE DELEGATION CAME AWAY DEEPLY IMPRESSED BY THE CHINESE INTENT TO EXPAND ITS SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL INTERACTION WITH ALL OF THE ADVANCED COUNTRIES OF THE OUTSIDE WORLD.

4. THE AREAS OF COOPERATION DISCUSSED WITH THE CHINESE ARE FAIRLY EVIDENT FROM THE MAKEUP OF THE DELEGATION. THEY INCLUDED SPACE, AGRICULTURE (SUCH AS GERM PLASM EXCHANGE, BIOLOGICAL CONTROL OF AGRICULTURAL PESTS), ENERGY, OCEANOGRAPHY, METEOROLOGY, STANDARDIZATION OF MEASURING INSTRUMENTS, HIGH ENERGY PHYSICS, EARTHQUAKE PREDICTION, AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY-RECOMBINANT DNA.

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5. BOTH SIDES EXPRESSED INTEREST IN FACILITATING STUDENT ENCHANGES, EXCHANGES OF DATA, ADVANCED SEMINARS, COOPERATIVE RESEARCH VENTURES, AND ADVANCED TRAINING PROGRAMS. THE CHINESE EXPRESSED A DEFINITE DESIRE TO DEVELOP STUDENT EXCHANGES WITH ALL COUNTRIES.

6. WE REACHED NO AGREEMENTS WITH THE CHINESE OTHER THAN TO PURSUE THESE TOPICS THROUGH CORRESPONDENCE AND PERHAPS RETURN VISITS BY THE VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES. WE ALSO AGREED TO HOLD SIMILAR MEETINGS ON A REGULAR BASIS IN THE FUTURE (FREQUENCY AS YET UNDETERMINED).

7. WE ALSO AGREED WITH THE CHINESE TO AVOID PUBLIC REFERENCE TO THE SPECIFIC AREAS OF DISCUSSION THAT WE HAVE BEGUN TO EXPLORE. YOU, THEREFORE, SHOULD STRESS TO JAPANESE THAT WE ARE NOT REVEALING PARAGRAPH 4 SPECIFICS TO THE PRESS AT THIS TIME AND THEY SHOULD BE HELD CONFIDENTIALLY. CHRISTOPHER

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